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For: **LACTONES OF CARBOXYLIC ACID POLYSACCHARIDES AND METHODS
FOR FORMING CONJUGATES THEREOF**

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SUBMISSION WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION
Under 37 CFR 1.114

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Sir or Madam:

This Submission is submitted as part of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-referenced patent application, and consists of an Amendment and Response to a Final Office Action mailed October 20, 2005, with a shortened statutory period for responding set to expire January 20, 2006. Upon granting of the accompanying

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Petition requesting an extension of time in which to reply, the period for response will be extended to February 20, 2005, and this RCE and Submission will therefore be timely filed.

No further fees are thus believed to be due with this RCE Submission. However, if necessary, please charge any additional fees due, including any fees necessary for extensions of time, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. **032634**.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this Submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this Submission.

Submission with RCE
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